(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Mines & Headquarter of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) are presently located in 4 (four) districts of Orissa State namely Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Sambalpur.

Total amount spent by MCL for Local Area Development in Sambalpur, Deogarh, Angul and Dhenkanal Districts of Orissa during the last three years is given below :—

(Figures in Rupees Lakh)

Year	Jharsuguda	Sundargarh	Angul	Sambalpur	Total in MCL
1999-00	12.94	76.66	164.26	36.06	289.92
2000-01	114.27	51.54	154.11	49.66	369.58
2001-02	88.06	27.59	104.79	40.18	260.59

Peripheral development works in Deogarh and Dhenkanal districts of Orissa are not taken up as these are not within a radius of 8 (Eight) kilometers from the coal mines.

(b) and (c) On the basis of orders of the Government of Orissa, the allocation of funds for local area development work is now being done by committees consisting of the Revenue Divisional Commissioner (as Chairman), local MPs and MLAs of the concerned area, District Collector and CMD, MCL. The works mainly relate to water supply, arrangements like installation of hand pumps, construction/improvement of roads, construction of school buildings, construction of community hall etc. Peripheral development works are normally done within a radius of 8 kms from the coalfields (Hq) unit.

(d) Does not apply in view of reply to part (b) above.

Guidelines to tow away vehicles by Delhi Traffic Police

*610. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed guidelines for Delhi Traffic Police for towing away vehicles by cranes;

(b) whether there are many cases when vehicles have been towed away while the driver is sitting at the wheel or vehicles were parked where it did not pose any parking problem or violate any rule;

(c) if so, whether this is done to benefit the crane owners, who are mostly senior officers of Delhi Police by extracting crane charges from the drivers of such vehicles; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in the matter against erring crane operators and Traffic Police Personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The removal of vehicles from public places is regulated in terms of provisions contained in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Rules of the Road Regulations, 1989 framed under the said Act.

(b) No such incident was reported to Delhi Police during the years 2001 and 2002 (upto 30th April, 2002).

(c) and (d) The private cranes are hired by Delhi Police after observing all the relevant codal formalities in an open and transparent manner. There is no evidence to believe that these cranes are owned by any senior officer of Delhi Police. The towing charges are also levied from the offending vehicle owners as per the rates specified by the Government. However, in cases where the crane operators or traffic police personnel deployed on duty are found to have committed any misconduct, they are proceeded against suitably.

ISI plan to disturb peace in Punjab

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SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published under the caption: "Ab nexali hinsa ko mil rahi hai ISI ki baisakhai", which appeared at page 15 of 'Dainik Jagran' dated the 25th March, 2002;

(b) whether Government are also aware that ISI is also tyring to re-establish its links with the terrorists of Punjab;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.